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in the news

WEATHER

Monday will be sunny and clear with a high near 75. Monday evening low between 55 and 60. Sunny Tuesday, highs in the 70's. Chance of rain all day Monday is nil.

EXCERPTS

Telephones are its trade, but the most conspicuous thing about the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is its size. It is, in fact, the biggest corporation on earth. There is more of it than anything else, a very great deal of it being people.

No one outside the government employs more human beings. Sometimes it seems that everyone works for it, and 962,000 people do. Someone once took time off from serious matters to calculate that if it weren't for automatic switching systems, the company would actually have to employ everyone just to handle the switchboards. As it is, if a skimpy 5 percent of its workers called in sick, the bedridden would equal the entire labor force of a medium-sized city.

"My feeling is this," one A.T.&T. person has said. "It is more than just a company. It is a world."

It's the wealthiest company. Its assets amount to an eye-popping \$90 billion. That's more than the combined assets of General Motors, Ford, General Electric, Chrysler and I.B.M. A particularly valuable asset is a jumble of wire and cable lengthy enough to stretch to the sun and back three times.

It makes a potful of money: \$4 billion a year. That is \$11 million a day, \$7,50 a minute. It reaps revenues of roughly \$35 billion — below those of Exxon and General Motors — but who is to complain?

The unrivaled \$67 million shares of its stock stuff the safe deposit boxes of 2.9 million people, more than twice as many stockholders as any other company. They are fiercely loyal to Ma Bell. The average shareholder clings to his holdings about 12 years.

These somewhat whimsical reckonings add up to more than publicists' play. If you wanted to learn something about the workings of corporate life, you could hardly do better than to look at A.T.&T. As the monolith of telephone service, it is loved and hated. People marvel at its gee-whiz technology, and they tell it to go fly a kite. Its closets are cluttered with some of the most complex and baffling problems in the world of business.

— N.R. Kleinfield
The New York Times

Dormitory preference cards due today

By Jordana Hollander

The members of the class of '82 will be faced today with one of the most difficult decisions of their MIT careers: filling out their dormitory preference cards.

Although most freshmen have spent the weekend looking at the various dorms, many will take another tour of some of them to confirm their first impressions. Others, who have spent most of their time at fraternities, will be taking their first real look at the dormitory system. These freshmen realize that they may not be bid by a fraternity or that living in a fraternity is not really what they want after all.

Once the preference cards are all in a committee composed of representatives from each of the dorms and from the Dean for Student Affairs' office will hold a series of lotteries to determine the dorm assignments. One will be held each day until all the freshmen are assigned to a dorm, a process usually lasting about five days.

The first round of the lottery takes about three hours and by midday Tuesday about 80 percent of the freshmen will have been assigned to their first choice dorms. The remainder who have not pledged fraternities will be assigned to lower choice dorms during the remainder of the week.

A freshman trying to assess his chances of getting assigned to a particular dorm should keep two things in mind — the popularity of the dormitory he chooses and

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INSTITUTE HOUSE PREFERENCE FORM

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Year (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) _____ Sex _____

Status (check one):

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College-Transfer

Returning from CO-OP/Jr Yr Av

Re-admit

Other

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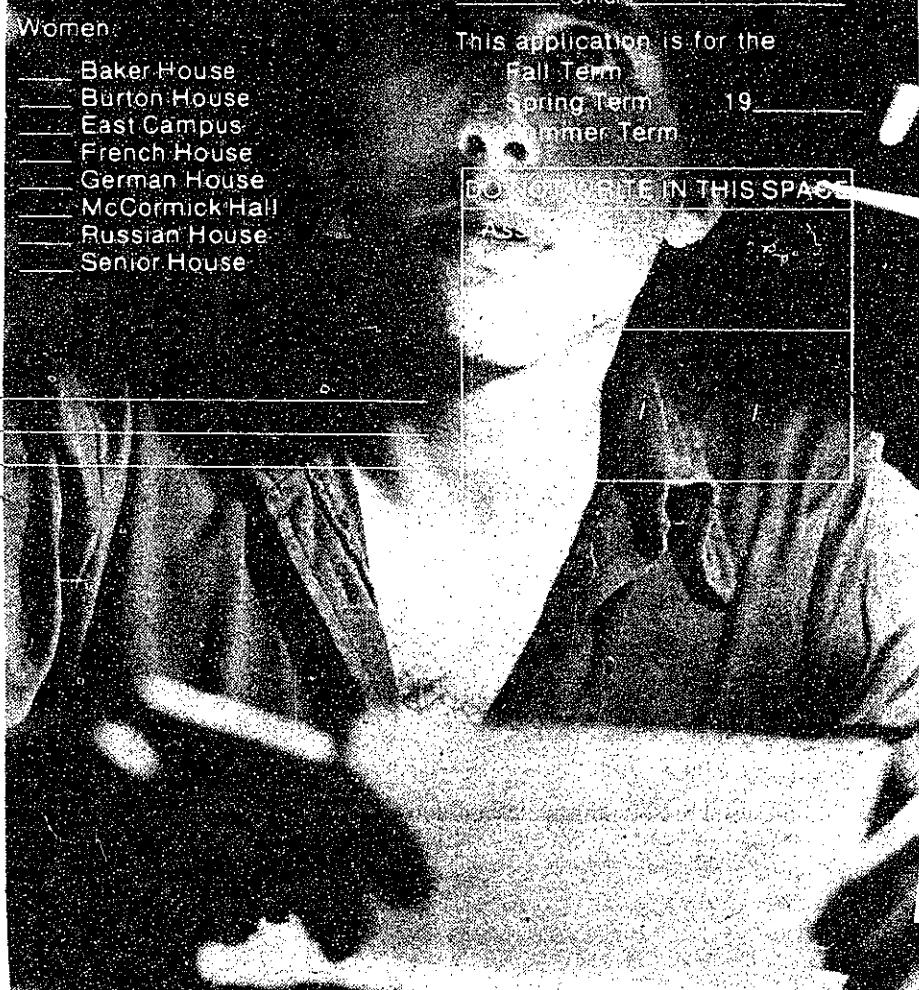
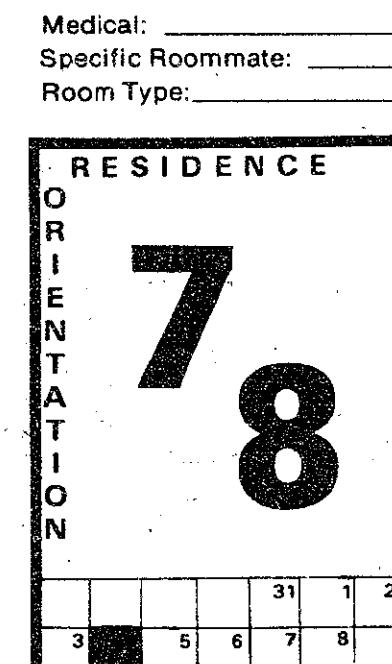
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Summer Term

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Men: _____ Baker House
_____ Bexley Hall
_____ Burton House
_____ East Campus
_____ French House
_____ German House
_____ MacGregor House
_____ New West Campus Houses
_____ Random Hall
_____ Russian House
_____ Senior House

Women: _____ Baker House
_____ Burton House
_____ East Campus
_____ French House
_____ German House
_____ McCormick Hall
_____ Russian House
_____ Senior House



(Photo by Gordon Haff)

Fraternity rush concludes successfully

By Michael Ries

Dave Maurer G, Interfraternity Conference (IFC) Rush '78 Chairman, indicated that "rush has been going superbly," and he accounts for the extremely large number of freshmen visiting fraternities by "the excellent summer rush done by many houses, the large size of the class, a lot of 'good' freshmen as indicated by a number of rush chairmen, and the sunny weather." The fraternity system is looking for between 417 and 425 freshmen this year, according to Maurer.

As of Sunday morning, 98% of the freshman class had visited fraternities. In comparison, 80% of the last year's class visited fraternities, and this is considered to be a very high figure by several of last year's IFC officers.

One fraternity on the Cambridge side of the Charles River showed a slight decrease in the number of visiting freshmen, while most houses on the Boston side showed an increase. Maurer said that the houses on campus usually have a lot of freshmen coming through, and this year they appear to be doing as well as in the past.

Maurer noted that there has been some cross rushing between houses, but no major problems have occurred. One rush chairman commented that "cross rushing seems to be occurring between a few houses that traditionally rush the same type of people," and it has been "smooth but fierce". Most bids have been given out and Maurer indicated that "things should settle down when freshmen start pledging today."



(Photo by Gordon Haff)

Rush regulations are strict; high fines for violations

By William Cimino

The 1978 DormCon/IFC Media-Com Committee (MedComm) guidelines that were drafted in a MedComm meeting at Father's Five last spring contain several changes from the 1977 MedComm guidelines. MedComm hoped that these changes will lead

to better understanding between the fraternities and the dorms.

MedComm, which consists of the presidents, R/O chairmen and JudComm chairmen from both the IFC and DormCon, decided to add to the guidelines that during rush week fraternity members may be prohibited from passing beyond the front desks of the dorms.

Another change prohibits dormitories. Dave Maurer G, the IFC rush chairman, told *The Tech* that, "This change will not affect rush but will ease misunderstanding between the fraternities and the dorms."

Another change prohibits dormitories from advertising any activities before noon Saturday of Rush Week, limits the size and

location of posters, and prohibits any large scale activities before 6:00pm Saturday.

Maurer said that these changes are simply "clarifications of past understandings and are to help get more freshmen out to look at fraternities."

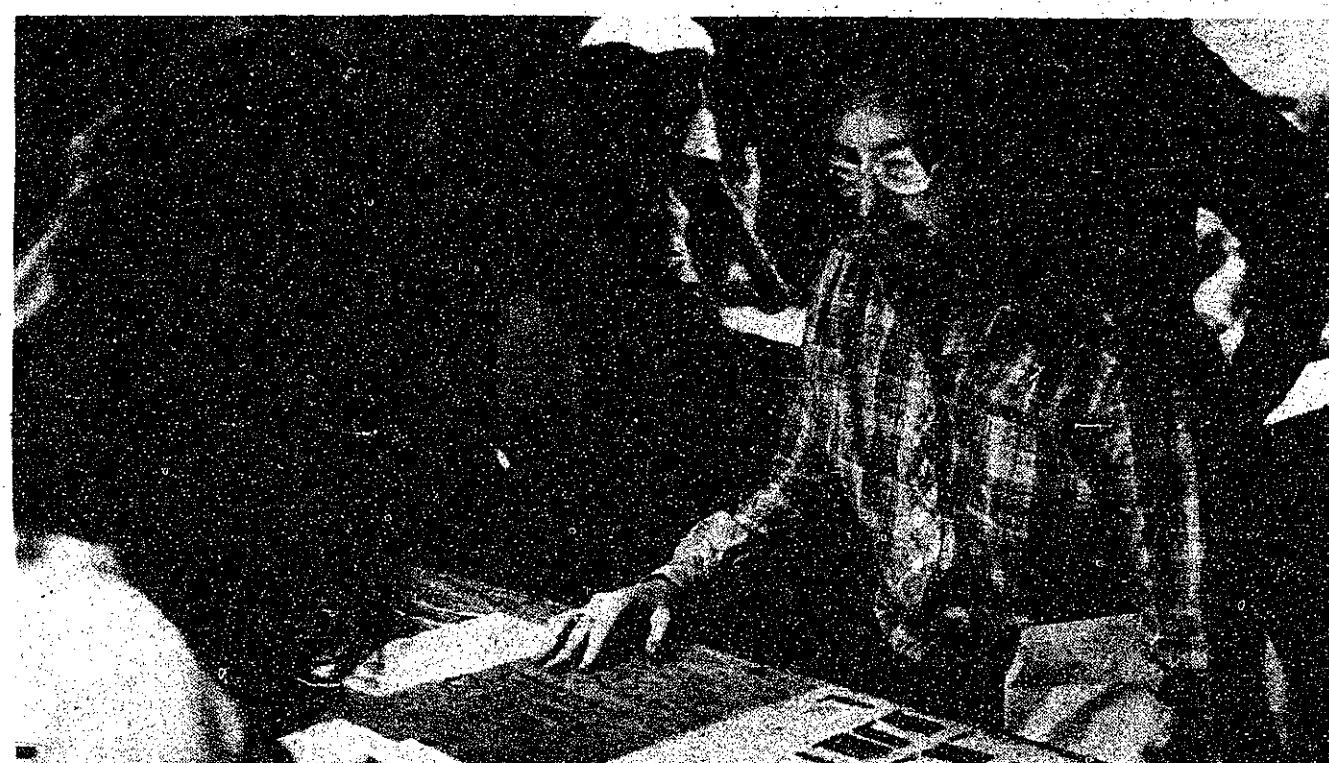
Frank Wojtowicz '80, DormCon R/O Chairman, stated that "enforcement (of the guidelines) is much more strict this year with fines of up to a maximum of \$500. But there have only been a couple of incidents which have upset people." Maurer noted that most of the violations to date have resulted "mainly from people being unaware of the guidelines. For example, a fraternity member going past the front desk at a dorm to help a particular freshman with his luggage without first checking with the desk."

Tom Potter '79, DormCon president said "We (MedComm)

don't look for trouble. Violations are usually brought to us. Mostly the purpose of MedComm is to stamp out little fires." Potter called the changes "in the best interest of dorms; to keep fraternities filled."

Jim Thompson '79, IFC JudComm chairman said that "Rush Week has been fairly quiet with only a few minor violations arising." He added that IFC-DormCon communications have been very good. When a conflict has come up, the people involved have gotten together to arrive at a solution.

Barry Newman '79, R/O Coordinator and Undergraduate Association President, added "There is a tremendous amount of cooperation with Rush Week and the MedComm guidelines this year." Potter also noted that "As yet we don't know where the money collected from violations will go."



(Photo by Gordon Haff)

Willing over crowds get priority

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whether he is willing to live in a crowded room.

Over the past few years Baker, Burton, and MacGregor have been heavily oversubscribed on the first round choices while East Campus, Senior House and Bexley were badly undersubscribed. The other dorms (New House, Random Hall and French, Russian, and German Houses) came in just about even.

For freshwomen the situation is somewhat different. Last year the number of assignment requests at McCormick was only two short of the number of openings. At Baker and Burton the number of freshwomen was equal to the number of spaces while at East Campus and Senior House the number of women moving in was lower than expected.

The other factor affecting housing assignments is the extent to which a freshman is willing to be crowded. The dormitory system can accommodate an extra 150 students by tripling doubles or

doubling singles or quadrupling triples. The actual amount of overcrowding will depend on the outcome of the fraternity rush, but even with a successful rush, the Dean's Office is predicting 130 to 140 overcrowded rooms.

On the dorm preference card a freshman can indicate willingness to be crowded or two or three freshmen can apply together for an overcrowded room in the dorm they want. The only disadvantage to this procedure is that freshmen who crowd willingly will be uncrowded after everyone else.

This year there will be a separate lottery for voluntary crowding in each dorm. If there are more requests than rooms the remaining cards go into the regular lottery.

Freshmen can also give more complicated instructions to the assignment committee. For example, two freshmen can request that their cards be treated together for a crowded room in the first round but separately

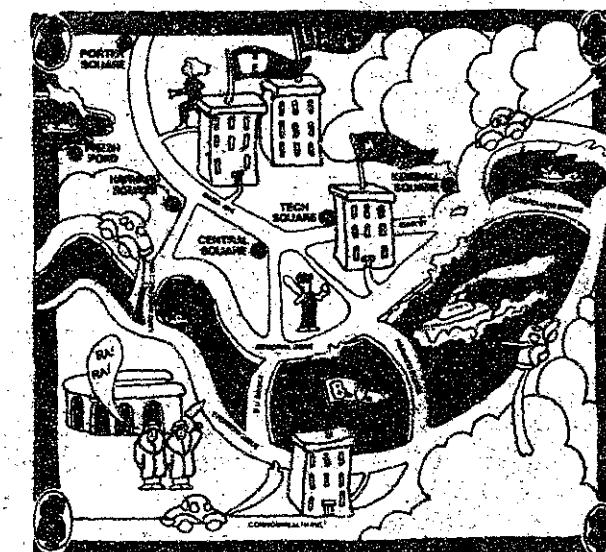
thereafter.

Of the 20 percent who do not get their dorm assignment on Tuesday, most will spend only a day or two "in limbo". Limbo, for the purposes of R/O, is the state of not having a dorm assignment any time after the first lottery. A freshman can land in limbo by not getting his first choice in the first lottery or by giving up an assignment in the hopes of getting a different one.

A few will even get their first choice dorm as other freshmen decide to pledge fraternities or put themselves in limbo to try to change dorms, or upperclassmen move out. By the fourth round of lotteries over 95 percent of the freshmen still requesting Institute housing will be assigned to some dorm.

After all the freshmen are assigned to dorms, each dorm will hold its own lottery to determine room assignments, taking into consideration the students and the groups of students who were willing to be crowded.

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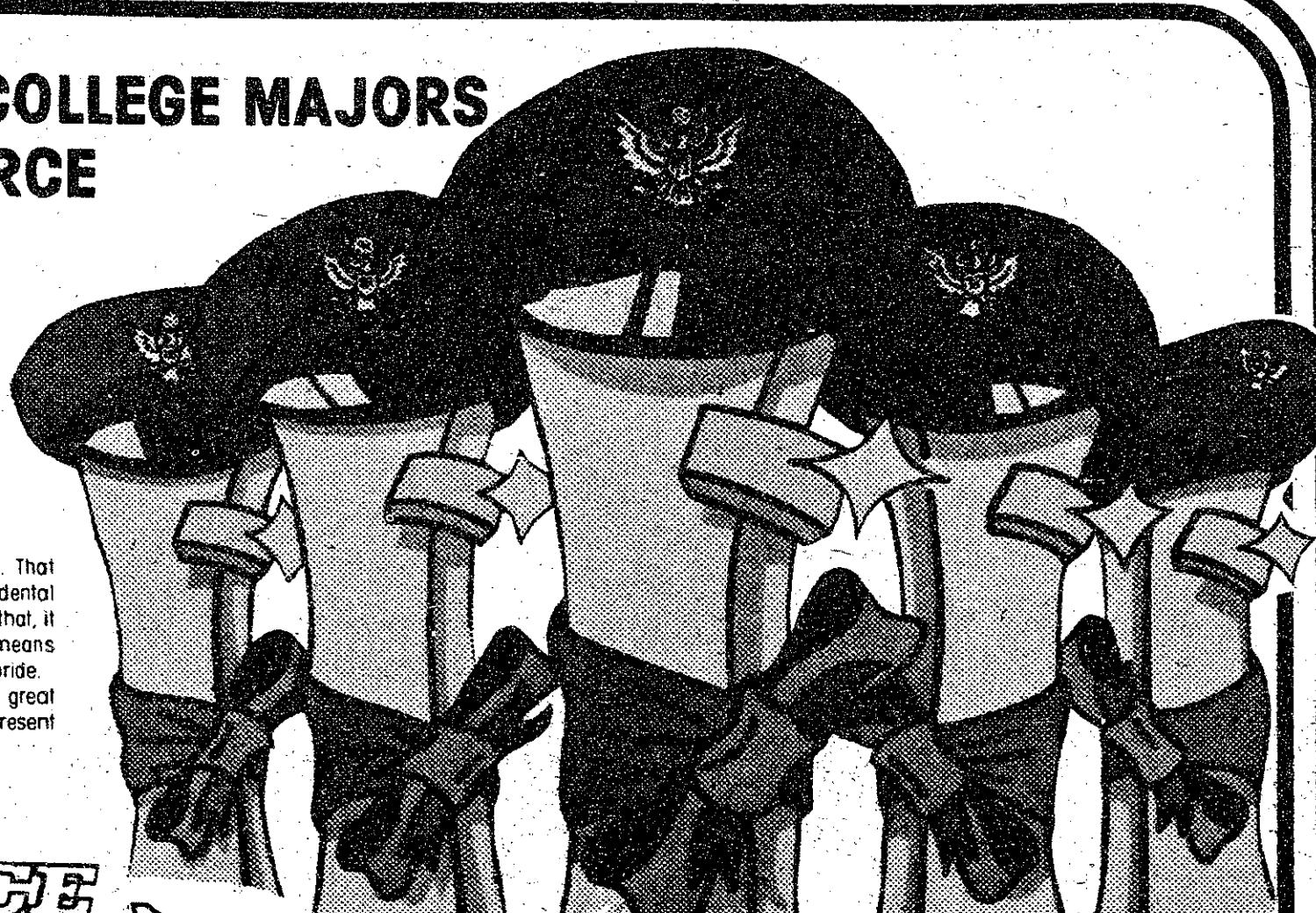
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World

Smith meets with rebel leader — Rhodesian President Ian Smith met with Patriotic Front leader Joshua Nkomo last August and offered to turn the government over to the black guerrilla leader, according to Nkomo. This marked the first public acknowledgement of secret meetings between Smith and the rebels.

New pope installed — Pope John Paul I was installed as leader of the Roman Catholic Church yesterday in a huge ceremony in St. Peter's Square. The ceremony was stripped of much of its traditional pomp in accordance with the new pope's wishes.

Mideast

Begin prepares for talks in US — In an address Saturday night Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin called for an end of hostilities between Egypt and Israel saying, "I shall stretch out my hand to President Sadat" in a spirit of friendship. He emphasised, however, that the talks to be held at Camp David would be only a step in the establishment of peace in the Middle East. In contrast, Egyptian Anwar Sadat called the summit Israel's last chance.

Local

Somerville fire under control — An abandoned meatpacking complex in Somerville was destroyed by a 10 alarm fire Saturday. The billowing smoke covered Boston and could be seen 20 miles away. No one was injured or killed, although several nearby buildings were evacuated.

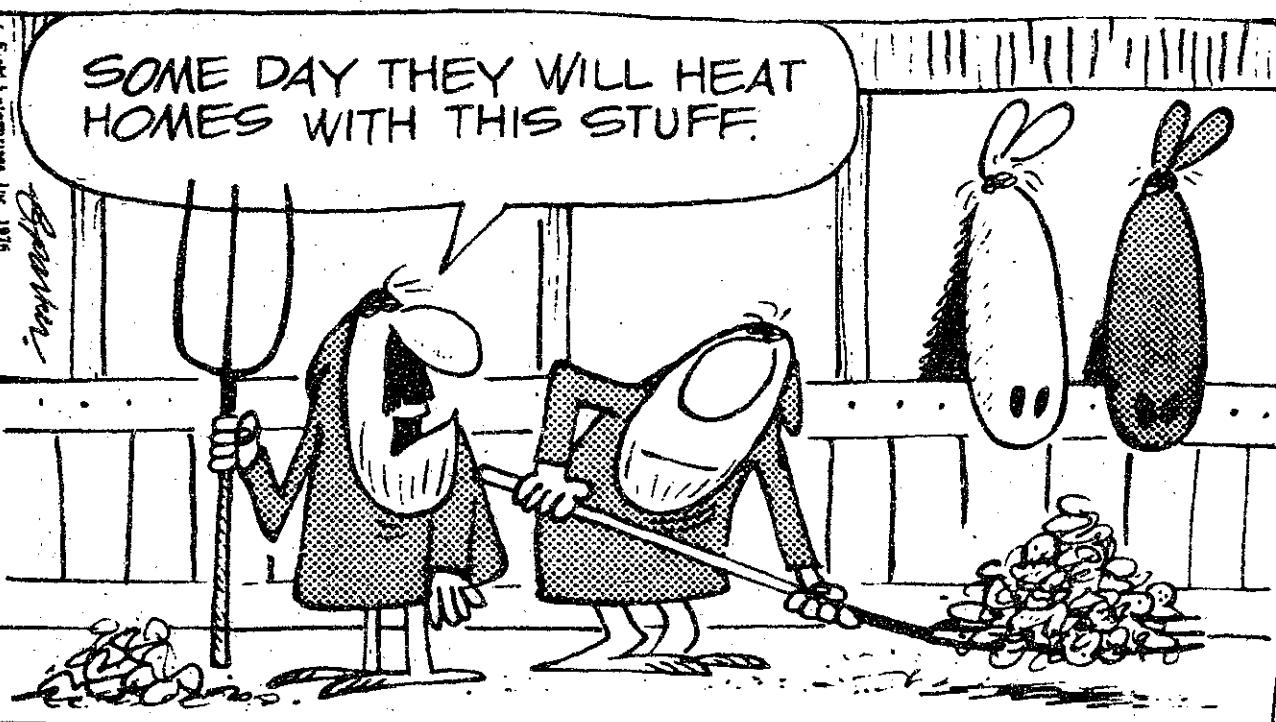
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Seriously, it's not *that* bad. But we'd like to make it better.

The only way we can do that is to get more people to work here. There's a lot of room for people who know how to write and just as much room for people who want to learn. Drop by our offices on the fourth floor of the Student Center, or see us at the Activities Midway.

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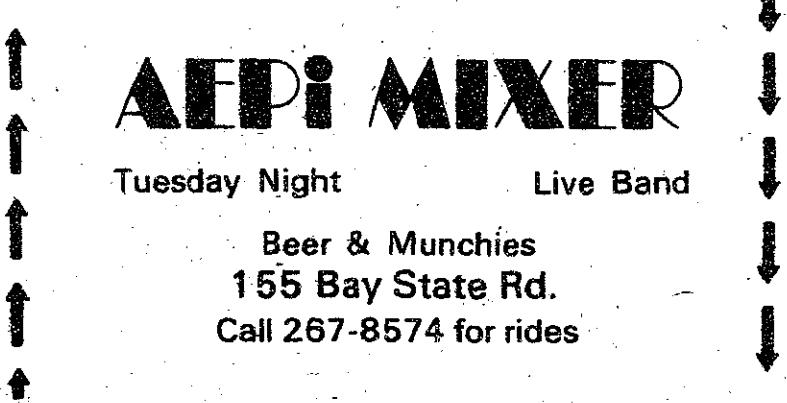
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The Daily Confusion

MONDAY

8:11am ZBT Breakfast made to order.
 8am Earliest time a freshman may pledge a fraternity.
 9am-9pm R/O Center open.
 9am-6pm Dormitory Preference Cards available in R/O Center
 10am-midnight Harbor in Private Dining Room #2, Student Center third floor.
 10-11:30am BSU seminar on activities and living groups in 9-150.
 12noon Folk Dance Club Dancing on Kresge Oval outside the Student Center. Everyone welcome, informal teaching.
 12noon Trip to Harvard Square. Leaving from TCA Office (Room W20-450).
 1pm Women's Salad Bar in the Cheney Room (3-310).
 1pm One shot seminar at ESG (24-612). "Photography: Equipment and Artistic Pictures."
 5pm Vespers at the Christian Activities Center, 7-106.
 6pm Dormitory Preference Cards DUE in the R/O Center.
 6pm ESG Dinner for freshmen.
 8pm TCA Coffeehouse tour.
 8pm ESG Jam session—"bring your ax!" Listeners welcome (24-612).
 9pm-1am Hillel Cocktail Party in Burton Dining Hall.
 11pm Baker Christian Bible Study. Baker Rm. 115. Contact Jerry Platz d17115.

Living Groups

All morning, La Maison Française. Visites guidées, discussions avec les membres.
 8:30am Burton House Bagel Breakfast. Real Brooklyn bagels with cream cheese and lox. Meet Burton number one, Burton H. Tooley, the Bombers, the Burton 4 Players, the Smokers, English House, Conner 3, Conner 4, the Spanish Inquisition, and Special Guest Star Frank Wojtowicz!

8:30-10:30am Baker House Breakfast. Join us for bagels, O.J. and friendly conversation.
 9:11am Nu Delta Another fine ND breakfast. 10am-5pm Nu Delta Tours of Boston. Sailing, frisbees, and other sundry diversions.
 11am East Campus 3rd West Traditional french toast and orange juice brunch.
 11:30am AEPI Leaving for picnic in the Blue Hills Reservation.
 12noon ZBT Assorted activities (Walden Pond trip, softball game, etc.).
 12:30am-5:30pm Random Hall Softball game, cookout on Briggs Field #2, directly west of tennis courts. Burgers, beer, soda.
 1pm Sigma Chi Road Rally.
 2pm Baker Overcrowding meeting. Freshmen: find out how to increase your chances of getting into Baker House.
 3pm ZBT Trip to see the movie, *Animal House* (first come, first served).
 3pm La Maison Française Réunion obligatoire des gens qui ont indiqué "French House" comme premier choix sur leur cartes de résidence. Téléphonez nous si vous êtes incapables d'assister (x5-7698).
 6pm ZBT Dinner (lamb).
 6pm Nu Delta Hot & Cold Buffet.
 6-10pm East Campus First East Game Night. Poker, backgammon, friendly people, etc. Free beer, munchies.
 7pm Russian House Trip to see Soviet film, *A Slave of Love*, at Orson Welles Cinema.
 7pm ZBT Party — Open bar, dancing.
 8pm Kappa Sigma Party at Wellesley College.
 8-9pm McCormick Informal get-together in the lobby. All welcome — free munchies.
 8pm-9pm Nu Delta Party, open bar, live band.
 8pm East Campus 2nd West Ice cream making and party.
 9:30pm East Campus 5th East Jack Florey's 3rd annual Fruit Festival. Good fruit, salad, and conversation.
 11pm East Campus Third East Popcorn.
 12midnight East Campus 1st West Marshmallow roast. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY

9am-11pm R/O Center open.
 9am-noon Advanced Standing Exams for 18.01 and 18.02 in room 2-102.
 9am-5pm Freshmen should have ID pictures taken in the R/O Center.
 9am-5pm Graduate Information Center in Graduate School Office, room 3-136. Phone 253-2197.
 9:30am-8pm International Open House at the Medical Department and Foreign Student Office.
 10-11am Foreign Language Orientation and Placement Exams in rooms 2-190, 2-390, 4-290, and 4-370.
 10am-midnight Harbor in Private Dining Room #2, Student Center.
 11am Permanent assignments available outside the R/O Center.

Noon ESG Presents "Cookies and T". Experience the multicolored lines of the MBTA and the places they'll take you. Cookies, thrills, and Bostonian points of interest. Meet at room 24-612 (ESG) and prepare to meet thy tube!

1pm Tour of Boston Common and Esplanade. Wear walking shoes. Leaves from TCA, room 450, Student Center.
 1pm ESG "shot seminar" "Bicycle Dynamics" at room 24-612.

1pm Women's Bathroom Tour leaves from the Cheney Room (3-310).

1:30pm Deadline to check out of temporary dormitory assignments.

2-3:30pm Meetings with Freshman Advisors.
 4-6pm Limbo Party in the Mezzanine Lounge, third floor Student Center.

5pm Vespers in the Christian Activities Center (7-106).

6:30-8:30pm Volleyball on East Briggs Field sponsored by Seekers.

7pm International Open House sponsors "Evening with Institute Faculty and Staff." Speakers: L. Menand, K. Nagaraja Rao, Claire Kramsch, Professor F. McGarry, Norma McGavern. Come and join the discussion in the Bush Room (10-105).

9pm Jazz Tour leaves from TCA office, Student Center room 450.

Living Groups

9am Burton House Breakfast
 11:30am East Campus Fifth East Jack Florey's second annual crêpe breakfast. Huge assortment of crêpes, fit for all tastes.
 1pm Burton House Conner 4 All Burton Freshmen, come by our floor lounge for munchies so we can have a chance to meet each other.
 1pm East Campus First West Come by for homemade ice cream and bagels.
 7pm East Campus Fifth East After East Campus Shebang, drop by Jack Florey's for milk and home-made cookies.
 8pm Sigma Chi Band Party featuring *Scorpio*.
 8:30pm AEPI Mixer. Live band, *Traveler*. Beer, punch, and munchies. Everyone invited.

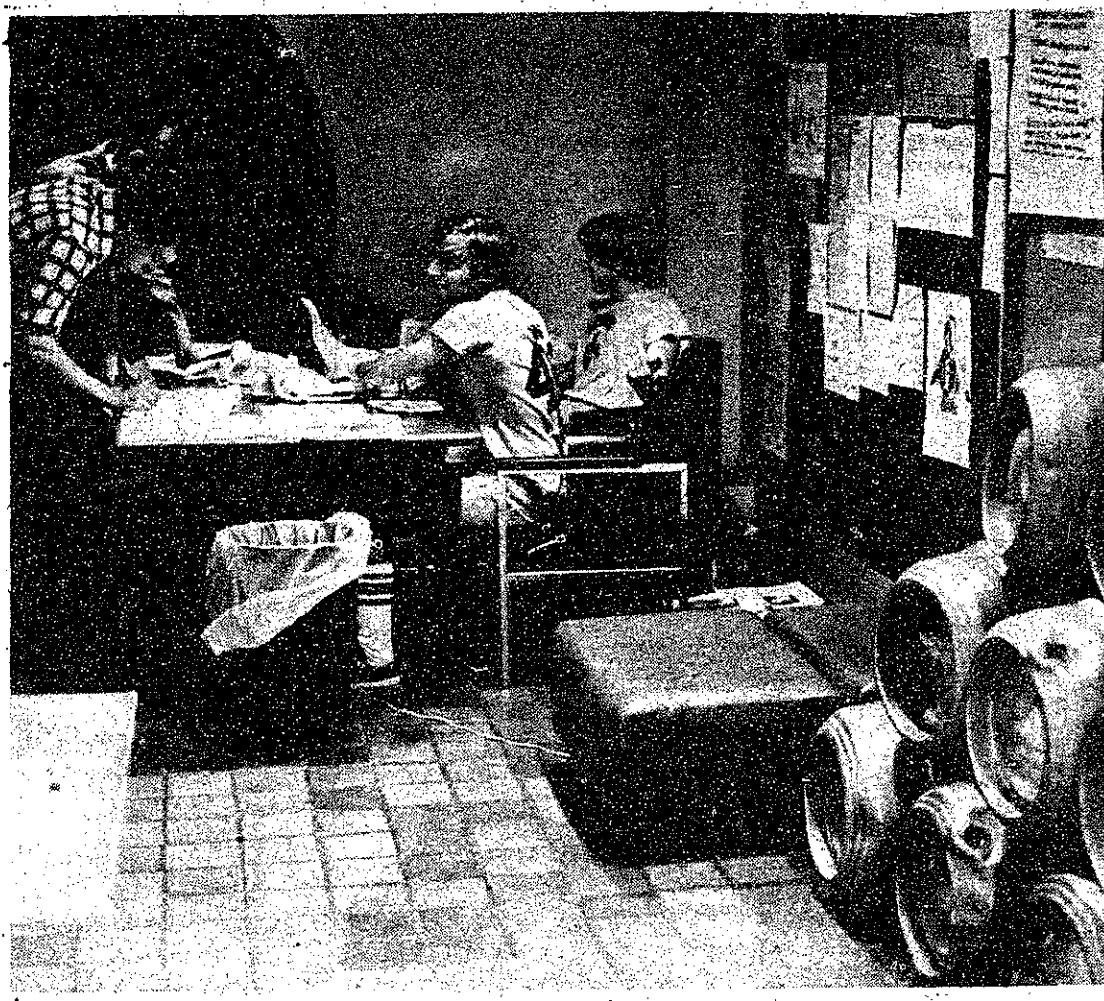
EATING

Lobdell will be closed today, open Tuesday through Friday for breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30, lunch from 11am to 2pm, and dinner from 5 to 7pm.

Twenty Chimneys will be open for breakfast from 9 to 11am, a la carte until 7pm.

Pritchett Lounge (2nd floor of Walker) Monday from 9am to midnight.

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In emergency dial 100 from any MIT phone.

Other phone numbers: R/O Center: x3-4551, x3-4552 (2-3-4551, 2-3-4552 from dormline, (617)-253-4551, (617)-253-4552 from outside), Office of Freshman Advising (OFA): x3-6771, and Campus Patrol: x3-1212.

Harbor is a place to sit down, relax, and talk to people who have the time (and aren't trying to get you to live with them). We're located in Private Dining Room number 2, on the third floor of the Student Center. We'll be open until midnight all week. Drop by. We'd be glad to see you.

Anyone who has problems with a fraternity should call Dave Maurer, IFC Rush Chairman, at 536-3931, or Jim Thompson, IFC JudComm Chairman, at 267-1801.

Transfer students are welcome at all freshman activities.

Come visit the ESG Information Table in the Student Center, 11am-4pm.

Come meet with people from the Christian groups on campus. Help in finding a Christian roommate. Room 7-106, 9am-5:30pm.

An informal group is being organized for students interested in visual arts. Varied, interesting monthly activities. For more information, contact the ArtFacts Coordinator, Committee on the Visual Arts, Room 7-145, x3-4400.

All information for *The Daily Confusion* should be submitted at *The Tech's* newsroom (W20-483) by 2pm the day preceding the publication date.

Presently there is an extreme shortage of off-campus housing in the Cambridge and greater Boston areas. Incoming students, single or married, in need of housing are urged to go to the Off-Campus Housing Service, E18-301, for information concerning roommate listings and apartment rentals. Listings are updated daily and free telephone service is available for local calls concerning the listings.

On request, fraternities will provide transportation for freshpeople back to campus or to another frat. In addition, the Campus Patrol (x3-1212) will provide escort service to and from WILG, ADP, and Random Hall at night.

Experimental Study Group Open House, 9am-9pm in room 24-612. Drop by and visit us — we provide refreshments, company, and information about ESG.

The Unix computer system (used in 6.031) will be open for use for the rest of R/O week. If you have never used a computer before, this is your chance to play such games as Adventure, Star Trek, and Jotto. If you wish to try programming, we have BASIC, algol, lisp, and teco. Stop by room 38-354 and see Jeff Schiller some afternoon this week. Open daily 12noon-11pm with someone on duty 12noon-3pm and 7-9pm.

Register for MIT Student Art Association classes through September 15. Drawing, claywork, photography, calligraphy, Chinese brush painting, stained glass, etching. Student Center room 429 1-5pm.

INFORMATION

Advanced Standing Exams for students who have been notified of such:

Sept 5, Tues., 1:30-4:30pm: 5.40, 14.001, 18.700 in room 16-310

Sept 6, Wed., 7-10pm: 8.01 in room 16-310

Sept 7, Thurs., 9am-12pm: 8.02 in room 16-310

Sept 7, Thurs., 1:30-4:30pm: 14.002 in room 16-310

Students who want to register for 18.01B must sign up for the entrance exam on or before Tues. Sept. 5, in 2-108.

Questions about these exams should be referred to the Schedules Office, x3-4788.

Language Placement Exams will be offered in German, Spanish, French, and Russian on Tues., Sept. 5 from 10-11am. Students may just show up for the exam. For more information call Lennie at x3-4771.

The following seminars have been cancelled: 2 S15, 6 S13, 12 S17, 21 S29.

The following seminars still have space available: 1 S14, 1 S15, 3 S10, 3 S14, 11 S27, 13 S03, 13 S08, 13 S12, 16 S08, 17 S13, 19 S01, 20 S02, 20 S29, 20 S30, 20 S35, 21 S24, 22 S05, EN 1, SEM 012, SEM 018, SEM 022, SEM 030, SEM 031, SEM 037, DL 5.